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SUBJ: AERIAL REFUELING AIRCRAFT FOR MOROCCO

1. CHIEF, MUSLO RECEIVED ON 13 JUL 1978 A LETTER FROM ROYAL MOROCCAN AIR FORCE CHIEF, COLONEL KABBAJ, DATED 11 JUL 1978 ON ABOVE SUBJECT. TRANSLATION FOLLOWS: QUOTE: SUBJECT: ACQUISITION IN THE U.S. OF REFUELER AIRCRAFT. FIRST PARAGRAPH. IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU KINDLY ASK THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES OF YOUR GOVERNMENT TO AUTHORIZE THE COMPANIES BOEING AND LOCKHEED TO NEGOTIATE WITH US THE CONTRACT FOR REFUELER AIRCRAFT. SECOND PARAGRAPH. THE ACQUISITION OF THIS MATERIEL IS OF PRIMARY IMPORTANCE TO THE ROYAL AIR FORCES FOR THE REASONS CITED BELOW: (1) TO REALIZE SAVINGS ON GROUND INSTALLATIONS NEEDED BY THE KINGDOM OF MOROCCO FOR ITS DEFENSE BY DECREASING THE NUMBER OF FIXED AIR BASES. (2) TO INCREASE SURVIVAL OF INTERCEPTOR AIRCRAFT BY PLACING THEM ON AIR ALERT AT THE FIRST SIGN OF THE THREAT MANIFESTING ITSELF. (3) TO MAXIMIZE BENEFIT FROM INVESTMENTS IN THE RADAR COVER. (4) TO THUS REDUCE THE CONSIDERABLE IMBALANCE OF AIR POWER EXISTING NOW BETWEEN MOROCCO AND ITS EASTERN NEIGHBOR. SIGNED: COLONEL MOHAMMED KABBAJ, INSPECTOR, ROYAL AIR FORCES, BY ORDER OF HIS MAJESTY THE KING, SUPREME COMMANDER AND CHIEF, GENERAL STAFF, ROYAL ARMED FORCES. END
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2. RATHER THAN A REQUEST FOR LOA FOR AERIAL REFUELERS, THIS APPEARS TO BE AN INDICATION OF GOM INTEREST IN THE AERIAL TANKERS IN AN ATTEMPT TO SPEED UP THE DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE TO THE REQUESTS ALREADY MADE BY LOCKHEED AND BOEING TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL DATA TO THE GOM.

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